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spread. Did they from the first set apart a representative body of experts to give up their whole time to the investigation of this sole problem? The answer is No. It is only now that this has been done, on far too limited a scale, that, as shown me by Captain Lisbon, I.M.S., in 1904, the rat-flea is being proved to play a chief part in spreading the disease. If this is corroborated by further research, a fresh campaign may be devised with considerable hope of success. The moral for all departments of government is the constant cry of "science"—more research.

WE learn from *The British Medical Journal* that the eighth session of the Australasian Medical Congress will be held in Melbourne from October 19 to October 24, 1908. The president is Professor H. B. Allen, M.D.; the treasurer, Mr. G. A. Syme, M.B., F.R.C.S., and the general secretary, Dr. H. C. Maudsley, F.R.C.P. The vice-presidents include many leading members of the profession in South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, and there is a secretary in each of the states of the Australian commonwealth, and in the north and south islands of New Zealand. The council of the University of Melbourne has granted the use of its buildings, and the government of Victoria has undertaken to print the transactions of the congress. Addresses will be given at the plenary sessions of the congress by the presidents of the Sections of Medicine (Dr. G. E. Rennie, of Sydney), Surgery (Dr. B. Poulton, of Adelaide), Pathology and Bacteriology (Dr. F. Tidswell, of Sydney) and Public Health (Dr. J. C. Mason, of Wellington, New Zealand). Special meetings will be devoted to the discussion of (a) the relations of the medical profession to hospitals, and (b) syphilis. There will be eleven sections, the total being completed by the sections of obstetrics and gynecology; anatomy and physiology, with experimental pharmacology; diseases of the eye, ear and throat; neurology and psychiatry; diseases of children; naval and military medicine and surgery; diseases of the skin, radiotherapy and radiography.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

A FURTHER £2,000 has been given by Sir Donald Currie towards the equipment fund of Queen's College, Belfast, bringing up his contributions to the sum of £22,000.

LORD SELBORNE laid the foundation stone of Transvaal University College at Johannesburg on August 29.

FOREIGN journals state that the Governor General of Algeria has brought a proposal for the founding of an Algerian university before the financial delegates, who have adopted it. It will be remembered the late M. Moissan and Professor Bouchard, having inspected the secondary schools in Algiers, reported favorably on the founding of a university. They proposed the establishment of an institute of natural science, experimental botany, zoology and hygiene, and pointed out the political and social effects of the foundation of a university which would form a powerful link between the various races which form the population of Algeria.

THE barns of the new agricultural college at St. Anne de Bellevue, near Montreal, were struck by lightning on September 5 and destroyed. The loss is said to be \$50,000.

IN the medical school of the University of Colorado, Dr. Edward F. Deane has been appointed professor of anatomy; Dr. John Andrew, Jr., demonstrator in anatomy, and Dr. Ross C. Whitman, professor of pathology.

AT the University of Chicago, Reuben M. Strong has been appointed instructor in zoology; Victor E. Shelford, associate in zoology, and Frank H. Pike, associate in physiology.

ARTHUR L. TATUM, of the Ohio State University, has been appointed instructor in chemistry in the University of Colorado.

HARRY J. KESNER, B.A., B.S. (Colorado), has been appointed instructor in bridge engineering at the University of Minnesota.

REGINALD E. HORE, A.B. (Toronto, '05), formerly demonstrator of mineralogy and petrography in the University of Toronto and member of the staff of the Bureau of Mines of Ontario, has been appointed instructor in petrography in the University of Michigan.